

# ORWIGSBURG HAPPENINGS

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BOROUGH OF ORWIGSBURG, PA

AUGUST 2022

## *End-of-Summer and Fall Activities Abound in Our Community*

## **Block Party, Heritage Day, Halloween and Much More!**

The greater Orwigsburg community is blessed to have so many businesses, organizations, groups of individuals, and unflinching support from the Borough ... all enthusiastically working for the betterment of and enjoyment for residents and visitors.

It's been an active spring and summer with the Square Time "Farm-to-Square" having just concluded, Memorial Day parade and service, June Jamboree, youth baseball and softball, swimming at the BMMS pool, playground instruction at Albright's Woods, and so much more.

But wait, we're just getting revved up. The momentum keeps building now through the end of the year.

### ***End-of-Summer Block Party***

All are invited and it's all FREE! Free food and drink, entertainment, fun and games are yours at the annual Community Block Party hosted by Salem Church. Fundraising throughout the year provides this gift to all who want to attend.

This is a "block" party in the truest sense as the one-block area of West Independence St. between S.



Warren and S. Liberty streets, adjacent to the church, will be closed to vehicular traffic on Sunday, Aug. 28 from 3 to 7 p.m.

### ***Make history on September 10***

The 30th annual Orwigsburg Heritage Celebration will be held on Saturday, Sept. 10. The event welcomes visitors and invites residents to reflect on our historic past, enjoy the present, and look toward the future of Orwigsburg.

All attention focuses on Centre Square with spill-over to adjacent streets where a wide variety of vendors and crafts, games and live music, street performers and displays of all kinds will delight from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Planned and coordinated by the Orwigsburg Business and Professional Association (OBPA), the town's Heritage Day celebration brings together Borough support services; church, social, and ser-

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## **COMING EVENTS**

**SUNDAY, AUG. 28 – Free Block Party** hosted by Salem United Methodist Church. West Independence St., between South Warren and South Liberty streets, will be blocked off from 3 to 7 p.m. Free entertainment, food and activities. All are invited!

**SATURDAY, SEPT. 10 – Orwigsburg Heritage Day**  
10 a.m. to 3 p.m. – "On the Square" and adjacent side streets. Live entertainment, street performers, bounce house, food and beverages. Displays and presentation at the Orwigsburg Historical Society.

**WEDNESDAY, OCT. 26 – Halloween Parade,**  
coordinated by the Orwigsburg Lions Club and Orwigsburg Borough, steps off at 7 p.m. Rain date is Thursday, Oct. 27 at the same time.

**MONDAY, OCT. 31 – Halloween Trick or Treat,** 6 to 8 p.m.; Turn your porch light on to indicate youngsters, 12 years and younger, are welcome to get a treat. (Raindate is Tuesday, Nov. 1; 6 to 8 p.m.)

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## 2022 BOROUGH OFFICIALS

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Orwigsburg Borough Council meets the First and Second Wednesday of each month beginning at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers, second floor of the Orwigsburg Municipal Building, 209 North Warren Street.

Currently there are no unique COVID-19 precautions in place for public attendance at either of these meetings. The public is urged to exercise masking and social distancing as one's personal needs dictate.

### OFFICIAL BOROUGH HOLIDAYS

Orwigsburg Borough offices and services will be closed in observance of the stated holidays in 2022 - Presidents Day, Feb. 21; Good Friday, April 15; Memorial Day, May 30; Independence Day, July 4; Labor Day, Sept. 5; Veterans' Day, Nov. 11; Thanksgiving, Nov. 24 and 25; Christmas Eve and Day, Dec. 23 and 26 (observed); New Year's Eve and Day, Dec. 30 and Jan. 2, 2022 (observed).

## Summer / Fall Events



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vice organizations; and the various resources of the Orwigsburg Historical Society to mark a truly "historical" event enjoyed by thousands each year.

There will be fun for all ages, including a bounce house, horse-drawn carriage rides, and facepainting. The streets will be lined with vendors including food trucks, wineries, distilleries, crafters, local organizations and churches.

Kids' activities such as balloon art and a petting zoo will be spread out in the Square area and on adjoining streets, so the day will be full of fun!

It being Heritage Day, be sure to visit the Orwigsburg Historical Society (OHS) & Museum just one block north of Centre Square at 109 E. Mifflin St. The headquarters will be open from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. with a special presentation by native son, John Hoptak, at 1 p.m.

### Halloween shrieks and scares

Halloween is a special time in Orwigsburg.

This year's ghoulish parade, coordinated by the Lions Club and the Borough, will be featured Wednesday, Oct. 26.

The parade route will again be designed to improve participant safety and allow vehicle traffic to skirt the parade, but still move through the Borough. As in the past, the parade will form on Margaret Avenue, beginning at 6 p.m. Marchers, floats, and service vehicles will begin the parade, stepping off at 7 p.m.

To register your group for the parade or to obtain

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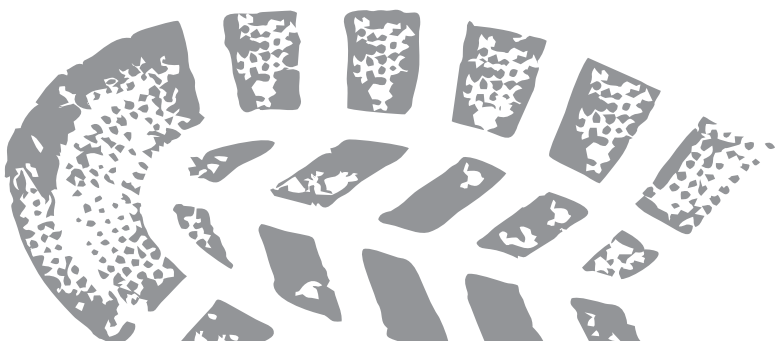
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# Fall Activities Abound in Our Community

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more information, contact Mike Swenson at 570-617-6050 or [mike1swenson@gmail.com](mailto:mike1swenson@gmail.com).

**Trick-or-Treat** - Youngsters dressed as princesses, super heroes, movie characters, ghosts and goblins are invited to go door-to-door during Orwigsburg's designated Trick-or-Treat on Halloween night - Monday, Oct. 31 - between the hours of 6 and 8 p.m.

In the event of inclement weather, Trick-or-Treat could be postponed to Tuesday, Nov. 1.



## Labor Day & Veterans Day

The national holiday to honor workers - Labor Day - will be celebrated on Monday, Sept. 5. All Borough offices will be closed in observance of the holiday. Refuse collection will be delayed one day to Wednesday, Sept. 7 and Saturday, Sept. 10.

Veterans Day services "on the square" at Bicentennial Park in Orwigsburg are always marked on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month - Friday, Nov. 11 this year. Please plan to be a part of this solemn event. Being an official holiday for

workers, all Orwigsburg Borough operations will be closed on Veterans Day. Refuse collection will not be affected by the holiday.

## State Sen. David Argall

### Ensuring School Safety

In the aftermath of the devastating school shooting in Uvalde, Texas one question kept many parents, students, teachers, and lawmakers awake at night. How do we make our schools safer and prevent violence?

As the chair of the Senate Majority Policy Committee, I conducted ten public roundtables across Pennsylvania on this terrible issue. The result was a bipartisan agreement to send tens of millions of dollars in grants each year to our public and nonpublic schools for safety and security enhancements.

This year's state budget provides \$100 million for school safety and an additional \$100 million to support mental health initiatives in schools.

Blue Mountain School District will receive a total of \$277,348 because of this effort.

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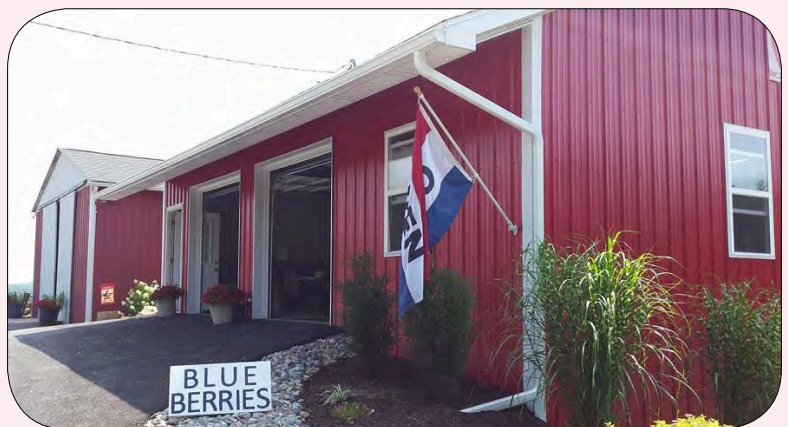
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### Ben Forbes, Esq.



A graduate of Kutztown University, summa cum laude, Attorney Forbes joined the firm in 2019 and has experience in complex real estate matters and is an advocate for businesses.

Attorney Forbes is frequently called upon to analyze complex real estate and commercial transactions, address title issues, assess disputes and complex zoning matters, and is experienced in commercial financing matters. He is an advocate for community development and local business growth, serving as Secretary for the Orwigsburg Business and Professional Association.

Attorney Forbes practices primarily in the areas of transactional real estate, real estate litigation, and business law, including commercial/residential property transactions, zoning, business transactions, subdivision and land development, landlord-tenant law, issues related to title defects and financing, business entity formation, and addressing legal issues during business operation. He also handles issues related to liquor licenses, estate matters, home improvement and commercial contractors, and railroad matters.

A native and current resident of East Brunswick Township, Attorney Forbes formerly served as an assistant coach of Blue Mountain High School and Junior High wrestling programs.

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# Orwigsburg Historical Society

## Town Native, John Hoptak, Featured on Heritage Day

The Orwigsburg Historical Society (OHS) and Museum, located just a block off Centre Square at 109 E. Mifflin St., is sure to be a destination point during the town's Heritage Day celebration on Saturday, Sept. 10. The public is invited to tour the facility and view its treasure-trove collection from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.



A very special program, "Schuylkill County & The Civil War" will be presented at 1 p.m. in the Community Room by "favorite son" John Hoptak.

A native of Orwigsburg, Hoptak is the author of several books, including "The Battle of South Mountain," "Confrontation at Gettysburg," "Dear Ma: The Civil War Letters of Curtis Pollock," and is a frequent contributor to America's Civil War and Civil War Times magazines.

After having previously worked at Antietam National Battlefield, he currently works as a Park Ranger/Educator with the National Park Service at Gettysburg National Military Park.

### Support local history; be a member

In addition to restoring and revitalizing the former Friendship Hose Co. No.1 firehouse and our town's "Old Jail," the Orwigsburg Historical Society provides

free public programs on local history topics, conducts genealogy and property searches, houses a research library, and maintains a museum filled with local artifacts that tell the story of Orwigsburg and Southern Schuylkill County's rich cultural heritage and history!

Won't you please consider a membership in the OHS?

The Orwigsburg Historical Society is open weekly on Tuesdays and Thursdays from noon until 4 p.m. Arrangements for other times can be made by appointment. Contact the Society by calling 570-627-7809 or 570-366-8769 for more information regarding visits and services.

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# Illegal Drain Connection? What's the Big Deal?

Drains ... they all lead to the same place, right? Not so! Wastewater and stormwater need to be kept separate for financial and operational reasons.

Wastewater treatment plants are designed to treat dirty water, not the clean water that comes from rain and melting snow. Rainwater is piped or fed to the storm lines that directly discharge into our local streams and creeks. Storm drains are the open grates you see along the curbs or swales that create a manmade connection to a waterway.



Connecting floor drains, sump pumps, downspouts and roof drainage, and any source of "clean water" to the sanitary wastewater sewer is illegal.

These illegal connections increase flow to our wastewater treatment, thus increasing costs that affect residential sewer rates.



Another area of sewer connection that often goes unnoticed due to disrepair are the caps (or missing caps) on sewer cleanouts. Broken caps allow "clean water" to enter the sewer system and need to be replaced as soon as possible.

Sewer cleanouts are not to be confused with a sewer vent that regulates the air pressure in your plumbing system. As the pipes drain the water, the vent is there to help get rid of any of the gases that

have built-up in your plumbing system. Proper venting caps on these sewer line openings are crucial to ensure that rain and misdirected discharge does not enter. If you have a sewer vent with a mushroom type cap, this allows sewer gases to vent out rather than enter your home. These vents are particularly important and should not be removed and replaced with a tight-fitting cap



If you are unsure what kind of cap is needed, reach out to a certified plumber or contact the Borough of Orwigsburg Public Works Department at 570-366-3103. We all need to do our part to make sure our sanitary and storm water systems are receiving the proper discharges.

- *Tori Morgan, Entech Engineering*

## Please Conserve Water

It's been a long, hot ... and dry ... summer! Orwigsburg Borough is requesting residents to voluntarily conserve water. Several easy ways include: turning off the spigot while brushing your teeth; reduce watering of yards and gardens; wash your car at car washes instead of at home; do full loads of laundry and full loads in your dishwasher.

Penn State Extension provides additional ways you can conserve water at <https://extension.psu.edu/household-water-conservation>.

## Gabriel Chamber Ensemble

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Sun., Nov. 6—Works for Chamber Orchestra,

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Sun., Feb. 26—Beethoven String Quartet and

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Sun., April 2—Elgar Piano Quintet and Brahms Sonatas

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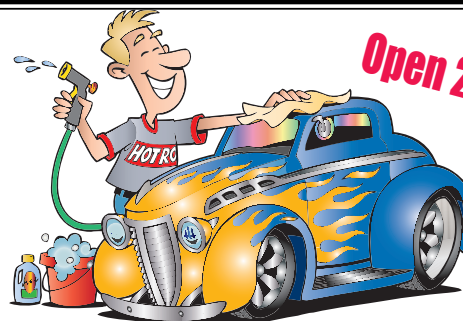
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# Firefighters / Red Cross to Install Smoke Detectors

I'm Scott Rarick - a lifelong resident of Orwigsburg Borough, a 31-year member of the Friendship Hose Co. #1, and the 12th Fire Chief in the history of the Orwigsburg Fire Department.

With the summer heat we've had, you may not be thinking of the heating season ahead of us. But, colder temperatures are sure to come.

Residents and business owners should take preventative measures to reduce the risk of fire or carbon monoxide exposure - such as having a qualified technician perform a cleaning and inspection of your heating system, have the chimney cleaned and be sure to have functioning carbon monoxide (CO) detectors and smoke alarms in place. By doing so, you are ensuring your vital heating equipment will operate safely and efficiently for the upcoming winter.

Each year more than 400 Americans die from unintentional carbon monoxide poisoning, 50,000 visit the emergency room, and 4,000 are hospitalized.

Carbon monoxide is odorless, colorless, and tasteless. It's imperative that you have an operating carbon monoxide alarm in your residence.

Members of the Orwigsburg Fire Department answer alarms from CO detector activations every year. Many are due to a faulty detector or battery; however, there have been instances when the detector did its job - detecting the presence of carbon monoxide. Oft times, causes have been a blocked chimney or malfunctioning equipment, just to name a couple.

In addition to CO detectors, each residence should have functioning smoke alarms. Just like carbon monoxide detectors save lives, so do smoke alarms.

On September 24, the Orwigsburg Fire Department, in partnership with the American Red Cross, will be performing a community risk reduction initiative. Personnel from each organization will be installing smoke alarms (at no cost) for families that need them. If you need smoke alarms, please contact the fire station at 570-366-1500.

In closing, enjoy the rest of your summer and prepare for the upcoming heating season.

## Water Meter Replacement

Orwigsburg Borough installed water meters in 2007. Their "life-expectancy" was ten years. They are now at 15 years and many are beginning to fail.

Water service personnel are now scheduling meter replacement and may also need to take a photo of the service line coming into your residence.

Letters have been mailed to those affected. If you receive one of these letters, it's important to contact the Borough to set up an appointment. Contact Kathi Mengle at the Borough Office, 570-366-3103 x112.

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# Orwigsburg Police Department

## Are Our Officers Able to Handle a Critical Incident?

Following the events surrounding the Uvalde school shooting, many people wonder how prepared their local police are to handle such a critical incident. Over past years, the Orwigsburg Police Department has been proactive in preparing for such a response.

Officers are required to qualify with all duty weapons once yearly and regularly train individually and as a department. All officers have trained in Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training (ALERRT).

ALERRT was developed by Texas A&M University along with the FBI to create a national standard in response and tactics to an active shooter. Our officers also attended an ALERRT update class in August, hosted by the FBI Allentown Resident Agency.

This past June, Officer Tanner Noecker attended a class to become an instructor for Exterior Response to Active Shooter Events (ERASE). This train-the-trainer course taught basic tactics for response to active shooter incidents occurring outdoors. Officer Noecker can now train our own officers, as well as other area departments in responding to such calls.

The Orwigsburg Police Department also has two officers (Bobby Bechtel and Brandon Bayer) on staff who are certified to teach a course titled Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events (CRASE). This training was developed by Texas A&M in 2004 to provide strategies and guidance for surviving an active shooter. This class can be presented to schools, churches, or

businesses. Contact our station if you are interested in receiving such training.

In addition to training, our Department works closely with Blue Mountain Elem. East and Blue Mountain Middle schools to provide safety and security. We regularly monitor bus traffic mornings and afternoons, bus stops throughout town, do foot patrols at both schools, and assist with lockdown, evacuation, and fire drills to ensure children and staff know what to do in the event of an emergency.


### *Motorists, be aware or beware!*

When red lights are flashing and the stop sign extends on a school bus, motorists must stop at least ten feet from the bus. Motorists must not resume until the red lights are no longer actuated and all children are at a safe place. The penalty for violating this is a \$200 fine and an automatic license suspension.

When you see the amber lights flashing, use caution and anticipate the red lights will soon follow. If you don't, anticipate our red AND blue lights flashing!

With bus stops throughout town, there will be an increase in foot traffic. Section 3542 gives pedestrians within crosswalks the right-of-way. Cars must stop and allow them to cross. Pedestrians however, can't suddenly walk into the path of an oncoming vehicle. The penalty for violating this section is \$50.

*- Officer Robert Bechtel, Patrolman*



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# Veterans Community Memorial Hall

## Veterans Foyer of Honor to be Unveiled This Fall

The Orwigsburg Borough and the Veterans Memorial Development Taskforce have worked in collaboration and partnership over the past 17 years, but in much more detail in calendar years 2021 and 2022. Document preparation, defining how a \$750,000 RACP Grant received from Governor Wolf, is right now reaching final construction.

Miller Brothers Construction was awarded that construction contract. Moyer Electronic Supply Company gained a separate \$100,000 audiovisual contract. Work commenced in April 2022 and is expected to be completed by late October.

The audiovisual work will greatly enhance utilization of the building for meetings, large and small, and public spaces such as the large gymnasium, conference rooms, and the Veterans Foyer of Honor.

The Veterans Foyer is the building entrance focal point, featuring the Veterans Honor Board listing local veterans and organized by named conflict, a Veterans Memorial Donor Board recognizing major

contributors to the building renovations, various veteran murals, and a conflict timeline.

The Foyer will also proudly display the original clock of the Schuylkill County Court House, once located on the Orwigsburg Square before the seat of county government was moved to Pottsville.

Nearing completion of renovations and site work, the Orwigsburg Veterans Memorial Development Taskforce authorized another \$56,000 of locally raised funds for ongoing expense needs for the Hall and to improve access and support areas. Expenditures to date have significantly depleted the Taskforce treasury as we work to complete restoration.

Interested contributors can send contributions to: Orwigsburg Veterans Memorial Development Taskforce, P.O. Box 157, Orwigsburg, PA 17961. All contributions of any size will be graciously accepted and can be recognized as a 501(c)3 eligible tax deduction.

- Robert S. Carl Jr., Taskforce President

## Orwigsburg Area Free Public Library

### A Busy Summer Leads to An Active Fall Schedule

Believe it or not it has been five years this October that the Orwigsburg Area Free Public Library has moved to its present location. The Library welcomes

and serves the public in so many ways.

Thank You! - Each and every one of you who have returned your fund drive request or continued to come in and support the library in every way - big, small, and in between. Together, all those efforts have helped our library become, and continue to be, a central part of the community.

#### Run For The Books on Sept. 17

Here's something new! Run For The Books is a 5 kilometer run or walk event that steps off at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 17. To be held rain or shine, a one-mile "Fun Run" is also available with a 10 a.m. start. All net proceeds benefit the Library.

Pre-register online at [www.pretzelcitysports.com](http://www.pretzelcitysports.com) or stop at the Library for a registration form. A free commemorative t-shirt will be offered to all who pre-register by Sept. 1. Check-in and same day registrations will take place at 8 a.m. the day of the event.

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# A Town's Spirit Reflected Through Its Churches

## Faith Church

It seems like the changing of the seasons gets faster and faster and the Orwigsburg area gets prettier and prettier each year.

Faith Church, located at 1168 Centre Turnpike, just outside Orwigsburg on Rt. 61, is honored to be a part of the Orwigsburg community and we do our best to give back in special ways. I'm senior pastor Doug Cresswell.

Since COVID, the atmosphere of ours and of churches globally has changed. It made people more fearful, more in need, more serious about finding God, and finding answers. It has given us opportunity to welcome new people and to lead and teach with more urgency. We were made for such a time as this!

We are currently working through our "Finding Purpose with E's" program to help you Explore, Engage, Equip, Empower, and Entrust your faith. This helps you find your place in our church family, elsewhere, and beyond.

Our fall campaign theme is "Daring Faith", a study series about losing our fears, and truly living for God.

We're excited to introduce a new youth pastor - Bobby Oravitz. He is an athletic sports enthusiast in his early 20s who brings plenty of experience, having served with C.E.F. (Child Evangelism Fellowship). If you are of high school age, join us at youth events and experience his enthusiasm.

We at Faith Church love you and invite you to

come join us! More information is at [www.atfaith-church.com](http://www.atfaith-church.com).

## St. Paul's Lutheran Church

The members and friends of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, located at 215 North Warren Street, welcome everyone to join us for worship, help us serve our neighbors, and share the love of Jesus Christ as part of our growing community of faith.

Since August 1, we are collecting personal care items for Pottsville's Opportunity House. These items will help area veterans, their families, and those in need through St. Paul's annual "God's Work, Our Hands" outreach to the community. Donations can be dropped off at the church during our office hours and our times of worship. These will be presented during our 10:30 a.m. worship service on Sunday, Sept. 11.

Our annual Blessing of the Backpacks will take place during the 9:30 a.m. worship service on Sunday, Aug. 28. School personnel, students, and their families are invited to join us.

During the summer months, our traditional worship services are held on Saturday evenings at 5:30 p.m. and on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. Beginning Sept. 11, we will return to our regular worship schedule - same Saturday evening time, but with two Sunday morning services at 8 and 10:30. Holy Communion will continue be shared on the first Saturday of each month and at every Sunday service.

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Thursdays, 6:30 pm  
In-Person & Virtual Classes Beginning 9/22

### Heritage Day Celebration

September 10 - 10 am to 3 pm  
Be sure to stop by our booth - and enjoy our bounce house!

For additional details visit [kimmelschurch.org](http://kimmelschurch.org)

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Also beginning on Sept. 11, Sunday School for children returns. Every second Sunday of the month children, one-year-old to 10, are invited to join us for Bible stories, crafts, a snack, fun, and fellowship during the 10:30 a.m. worship service.

On Sunday, Sept. 18, following our 10:30 a.m. service at the church, we will hold our annual Church Picnic at Albright's Woods pavilion. Beverages and hot dogs will be provided. Covered-dish items to share are appreciated, but not required. Join us for good food, good fellowship, and good fun.

Our yearly Service Ministry Bazaar will be held Saturday, Oct. 1, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in our Reidler Hall at the church. Come for good food, Basket Auction, homemade candies and pies, plus local vendors and craft dealers. Proceeds from the Bazaar benefit those in need in our community.

In connection with the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, our Blessing of the Animals service will take place at Albright's Woods pavilion on Sunday, Oct. 2 at 4 p.m. All friendly, leashed (or housed) animals – those that slither, crawl, hop, walk, swim, or fly – are invited to this “lively” outdoor event.

Donations to Lutheran Disaster Response to help the war-weary of Ukraine can be made through St. Paul's. Make your check payable to St. Paul's Lutheran Church and write “LDR - Eastern Europe Crisis Response” on the memo line.

Church office hours are Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to noon. Contact the Rev. Michael T. Petresky

or church staff at 570-366-2316. Leave a message if outside office hours. Follow us on Facebook, our website, or YouTube for info on up-coming activities.

## Kimmels Church

Kimmels is a growing church family of the Orwigsburg community for more than 170 years. We are young in mind and spirit, alive and active.

Located just outside Orwigsburg Borough on the eastern end, Kimmels Church is at 179 Pine Creek Drive, just off Kimmels Road. For more information, visit our website [kimmelschurch.org](http://kimmelschurch.org), or call the church office at 570-943-2759.

All will be welcomed at any service or activity. At Kimmels, you will find loving people, real answers, and a purpose for your life that comes from a faithful teaching and understanding of God's Word.

Our current Sunday morning teaching series is entitled “ReDiscover Jesus.” All are encouraged as we learn through God's Word about who Jesus is, as told in the Gospel of John. Studies are also available for adults, teens, and kids. Each study is focused on specific Gospel themes or current topics and continues for several weeks..

Please join us near Centre Square on Saturday, Sept. 10 as we celebrate Orwigsburg Heritage Day. Fun activities and our bounce house await.

## New Awakening Church

It's almost fall. Soon it will be back-to-school, back



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**ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC** – Sun., Sept. 18; 11:30 a.m.

**ANNUAL FALL BAZAAR** – Sat., Oct. 1 ; 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS** – Sun., Oct. 2; 4 p.m.

Check out our Facebook page and website;

Watch our worship on YouTube;

Call our Church Office for more info!





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to pumpkin spice, and back to raking leaves. There's a verse in the Bible that says: if we go back to God, we will be "built up." In this new season, that's our prayer for this community.

You are always welcome to join us at New Awakening Church. We meet for service on Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. at the Schuylkill Racquet Club, 25 S. Greenview Road, just off Rt. 61! Or, join us online at [facebook.com/newawakeningchurch](https://facebook.com/newawakeningchurch) or on YouTube, Twitter, and Instagram. More information can be found at [www.newawakeningchurch.com](http://www.newawakeningchurch.com).

Our service begins with contemporary-style music and prayer. Kids' Church and nursery care are provided every week. The service concludes with a practical and relatable message, followed by social time with coffee, cookies, and just about everything else.

Meet new friends at any one of mid-week group gatherings. We have a men's fellowship, women's fellowship, youth group, and even a fellowship for moms and school-aged children, complete with a gym class. Planned fall activities include visits to a trampoline park, hayride, bowling and more.

New Awakening began with a vision to create a space where you could encounter God's love, realize His purpose for your life, and delight in who you were created to be. We're not perfect people, but we really want you to know that you matter and valued by God.

## Salem UMC

Hello Orwigsburg! How are you doing? Getting ready for back-to-school? Looking forward to Fall? Or, maybe you're mourning the end of summer?

Wherever you find yourself right now, know that Salem Church is with you.

In that vein, everyone is invited to enjoy games, food, ice cream, and live music at Salem's annual "end-of-summer" (free) Community Block Party on Sunday, Aug. 28! It's our gift, thanking the community that has supported our fundraising activities throughout the year. Our neighborhood block on West Independence Street, between South Warren and South Liberty, will be blocked off from motor traffic, making the event a true Block Party. Join us for an afternoon of joy from 3 to 7 p.m.

**Joy Rising!** - Salem has a new community partner! Coming very soon, watch for bursts of pop-up joy

where and when you least expect them. Joy Rising exists to build our community by bringing joy.

**Dinner Church** - Have you longed for a different way to worship or experience community? Join us as we gather around the table. We will connect with God and each other as we share a meal together. Look for our first Dinner Church in October!

How else can we support YOU, Orwigsburg? We are in this together! Peace and Grace.

## St. John's UCC

St. John's United Church of Christ, 232 E. Market St., sends greetings, wishing everyone has a beautiful autumn and a safe/healthy return to school for students, teachers, staff, and parents.

Our doors are always open to new faces as we worship at 10 a.m. every Sunday, with the celebration of communion held the first Sunday of each month. If you cannot attend in person, our service can be viewed on Facebook and the church website at [StJohnOrwigsburg.org](http://StJohnOrwigsburg.org).

Pastor Jeff Johnson provides a Facebook devotion-al every Tuesday afternoon and a Facebook "thought for the day" posted every Thursday morning.

Two Bible studies are ongoing ... one by email (contact Kay Jones at 570-366-1333), the other with Pastor Jeff via Zoom (contact the church office at 570-366-2255).

Sunday school classes will start up again on Sept. 18 for youngsters, kindergarten through 7th grade.

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